

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 127804  
ORIGIN ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 SIG-03 SOE-02 AF-10  
ARA-14 CIAE-00 DODE-00 EA-12 PM-05 H-02 INR-10  
L-03 NASA-02 NEA-11 NSAE-00 NSC-05 OIC-02 SP-02  
PA-02 DOE-15 CEQ-01 OES-07 SS-15 ICA-20 /182 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/PA:JMPOPE:PC

APPROVED BY ACDA/PA:JMPOPE

-----069756 210127Z /62

P 200951Z MAY 78

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS PRIORITY

USDEL MBFR VIENNA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SOFIA PRIORITY

USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BERLIN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 127804

USSALTTWO/CTB

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM, SOPN

SUBJECT: MAY 19 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL  
INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 127804

1. WALTER PINCUS OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT VICE  
PRESIDENT MONDALE, NOT PRESIDENT CARTER, WILL ADDRESS SSOD  
NEXT WEEK. WHITE HOUSE SAID, HE REPORTED, THAT MONDALE'S  
PARTICIPATION "UNDERScores IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES" TO  
SSOD. "NEVERTHELESS, FAILURE OF CARTER TO DELIVER U.S.  
SPEECH NEXT WEEK AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED MUST BE CONSIDERED  
'PRETTY SIGNIFICANT,' AS ONE ARMS CONTROL EXPERT PUTS IT,"

PINCUS ADDED. HE SAID HEADS OF STATE FROM BRITAIN, FRANCE, INDIA, WEST GERMANY AND MORE THAN DOZEN THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE. PINCUS REPORTED THAT WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN JODY POWELL SAID YESTERDAY CARTER WAS TOO BUSY TO APPEAR AT U.N. POWELL SAID CARTER WOULD MAKE MAJOR ADDRESS TO NATO SUMMIT IN WASHINGTON MAY 29 AND DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT NAVAL ACADEMY JUNE 7. "OPINIONS FLOWED FREELY AMONG WASHINGTON OFFICIALS YESTERDAY AS TO WHY PRESIDENT DECIDED TO SKIP U.N. EVENT," PINCUS REPORTED. "IT REFLECTS POLITICAL ASSESSMENT THAT HE IS TOO CLOSE TO ARMS CONTROL,' WAS WAY ONE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL, CRITICAL OF CARTER'S DECISION, PUT IT." PINCUS SAID STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID NEITHER CARTER NOR VANCE WANTED TO MAKE SPEECH BECAUSE THEY WERE FOCUSING ON SALT NEGOTIATIONS WITH GROMYKO FOLLOWING WEEK. "SPEECH HAD TO BE ONE OF GENERALITIES,' THIS OFFICIAL SAID, 'SO THEY TURNED TO MONDALE, MOST RANKING OFFICIAL WITH LEAST SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC POSITION ON DISARMAMENT,'" PINCUS CONTINUED. HE SAID MONDALE SPEECH IS EXPECTED TO CONSIST PRIMARILY OF REPORT ON VARIOUS ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS PRESENTLY UNDER WAY. POST CORRESPONDENT SAID ONE ADMINISTRATION EFFORT AT NEW INITIATIVE, SUSPENDING PRODUCTION BY ALL COUNTRIES OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS USED TO MAKE WEAPONS, HAS BEEN TIED UP IN INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS. ATTRIBUTING THIS REPORT TO ACDA AIDES, PINCUS SAID DEPARTMENTS OF ENERGY AND DEFENSE OPPOSE THIS INITIATIVE, AND UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 127804

ARE ASKING CONGRESS FOR FUNDS TO INCREASE PLUTONIUM PRODUCTION NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF PROJECTED NEW WEAPONS PRODUCTION.

2. RICHARD L. STROUT OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR CITED ESTIMATES IN ANNUAL REPORT "WORLD MILITARY AND SOCIAL EXPENDITURES, 1978," RELEASED BY RUTH LEGER SIVARD, WITH FOREWARD BY JOHN KENNETH GALBRAITH. GLOBAL ARMS COST HAS REACHED 400 BILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY, WITH OVER 23 MILLION MEN UNDER ARMS, AND GROWING. OVERKILL CAPACITY OF NUCLEAR ARMS COULD DESTROY EVERY CITY SEVEN TIMES OVER. HALF WORLD'S ARMS EXPENDITURES ARE MADE BY U.S. AND SOVIET UNION. AMONG REPORT'S FINDINGS ARE THESE: AVERAGE FAMILY PAYS MORE IN TAXES TO SUPPORT WORLD ARMS RACE THAN TO EDUCATE ITS CHILDREN; ONE TAX DOLLAR IN SIX GOES TO ARMS RACE; ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT IN THREE SPENDS AS MUCH TO SAFEGUARD HEALTH OF ITS CITIZENS AS TO PROTECT THEM AGAINST MILITARY ATTACK; DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DESPITE SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGES, USE FIVE TIMES AS MUCH FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR IMPORT OF ARMS AS FOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. STROUT SAID SIVARD REPORT NOTED "APPARENT UNDERSTATEMENT" OF SOVIET ARMS EXPENDITURES IN ITS OFFICIAL BUDGET, CONSEQUENTLY

ESTIMATES VARY WIDELY. THESE INCLUDED STOCKHOLM PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S ESTIMATE OF 61 BILLION DOLLARS IN 1975; CIA (IN 1974 PRICES), 114 BILLION DOLLARS; INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, 124 BILLION DOLLARS. SIVARD STUDY USES AN INTERMEDIATE FIGURE OF 94 BILLION DOLLARS.

3. WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE UNION (ACU), WHICH SPENT NEARLY 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS IN ITS FUTILE BATTLE AGAINST SENATE APPROVAL OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, SAID IT WILL WAGE EVEN GREATER OFFENSIVE AGAINST SALT PACT. ACU SAID IT WILL PRODUCE 30-MINUTE FILM CRITICAL OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY IN SALT. REP. PHILIP CRANE, ACU CHAIRMAN, SAID FILM WILL BE READY  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 127804

FOR SHOWING IN JULY AND WILL BE "OUR OPENING EFFORT TO DEFEAT SALT."

4. TAKASHI OKA OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, REPORTING FROM BRUSSELS, SAID SOVIET UNION, ALREADY FORMIDABLE IN CONVENTIONAL ARMS, IS DEVELOPING CAPABILITIES IN TACTICAL NUCLEAR FIELD THAT MAY ERODE ADVANTAGE U.S. AND ITS ATLANTIC ALLIES HAVE SO FAR ENJOYED. OKA SAID THIS WAS ASSESSMENT OF NORWEGIAN GEN. H.F. ZEINER GUNDERSEN TO NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS GATHERED IN BRUSSELS FOR THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE MAY 18-19.

5. AVIATION WEEK AND SPACE TECHNOLOGY SAID 10 OF 12 REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ISSUED REPORT CRITICAL OF ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE FOR FAILING TO FURNISH COMMITTEE WITH "AN OBJECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON VERIFIABILITY OF ARMS CONTROL PROPOSALS AND/OR AGREEMENTS," AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE. REPUBLICANS SAID SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS OF EMERGING SALT AGREEMENT CANNOT BE VERIFIED, INCLUDING RANGE LIMITS ON CRUISE MISSILES, LIMITS ON UPGRADING ICBM'S, STRATEGIC POTENTIAL OF BACKFIRE BOMBER, DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ICBM'S, AND CONVERSION OF MEDIUM MOBILE MISSILES TO MOBILE ICBM'S.  
VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), NEGOTIATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 may 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE127804  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JPMPOPE:PC  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780213-0670  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780538/aaaabfkh.tel  
**Line Count:** 160  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 6a6b179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ACDA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 14 mar 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2628487  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MAY 19 ROUNDUP: PRESS ITEMS OF ARMS CONTROL INTEREST LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR  
**TAGS:** PARM, SOPN, US, UR, UK  
**To:** GENEVA USSALTTWO MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/6a6b179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014